

Number of Farms

UTAH: The number of farms in 1999 was estimated at 15,500, an increase of 500 farms from 1998. Total land in farms for 1999 was 11.6 million acres, the same as 1998 and 1997. The average farm size decreased 25 acres from 1998 to 748 acres,

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in 1999 is estimated at 2.19 million, up fractionally from 1998.

The increase in farm numbers can be attributed to the continued rise in the number of small farms. Total land in farms, at 947.3 million acres, was down 0.7 percent or 6.2 million acres from last year. This decline in land in farms continues the historical trend of less land in farms. The average farm size decreased 3 acres from 1998 to 432 acres.

Farm Numbers and Acreage: Utah and United States, 1992-99 ^{1/}

Year	Utah			United States		
	Farms ^{2/}	Land in Farms		Farms ^{2/}	Land in Farms	
		Average Size	Total		Average Size	Total
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres
1992	13,200	856	11,300	2,107,840	464	978,503
1993	14,500	772	11,200	2,201,590	440	968,845
1994	14,500	772	11,200	2,197,690	440	965,935
1995	15,000	760	11,400	2,196,400	438	962,515
1996	15,000	760	11,400	2,190,500	438	958,675
1997	15,000	773	11,600	2,190,510	436	956,010
1998	15,000	773	11,600	2,191,360	435	953,500
1999	15,500	748	11,600	2,194,070	432	947,340

^{1/} A farm is defined as a place with annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more. ^{2/} Definition changed in 1995 to include operations with no sales but which have 5 or more horses not including operations that are either stables or racetracks only. All definition changes beginning in 1995 were carried back to 1993. Because of these changes a noticeable difference can be seen between 1992 and 1993.

